

*"And she wrote in the letters, saying, 'Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people: And set two men, **Sons Of Belial**, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, 'Thou didst blaspheme God and the king.' And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.'" 1 Kings 21:9-10 KJV*



Beware the flattery of fools! Naboth refused to sell his inheritance, but Jezebel paid men to perjure themselves against him. His only fault? He accepted their favor. If fools want to rub elbows with you, they seek your downfall. *"Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove What Is That Good, And Acceptable, And Perfect, Will of God. For I say...to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God Hath Dealt to every man the measure of Faith. Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful."* If the ungodly come to you with praise or gain, they want something you have, or want you gone. Don't "sell" the inheritance of Truth your Father Has Given you for the friendship of the world! *"Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats: For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: 'Eat and drink,' saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee."* The same advice carries in the Assembly of believers. Wolves creep in unaware and defile the Assembly with backbiting, bitterness, and loose living. Satan sows his tares among the wheat. Not everyone that sings in the choir on Sunday is God's child! I know; I preached sermons before God revealed to me my lost condition. I had to come to the brink of suicide where God Graciously Found me! You can't go by appearance. Men can fool men, but they can't fool God; The *"Discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart!"* If praise or an award is undeserved or offered to you by the ungodly, decline it. The faithful do not get *"weary in well doing."* They draw daily strength from the *"well of Living Water Springing Up Into Everlasting Life"* That Indwells And Quickens them. Saints who "burn out," labor in their own strength which is at best finite. They are burning the wick without the oil! It is the Word of God That Is *"The Power of God unto Salvation. Faith Cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."*

Beware when evil flatters you,
Your faith they seek to sure undo,
Their heart within is cold and dark,
And you will be their poison's mark! –CGP

Works of Righteousness Inspired And Performed By The Holy Spirit Are Effectual And Rewarded. Otherwise, they are but *"wood hay and stubble. That the communication of thy Faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus. For It Is God Which Worketh In you both to Will and to Do of His Good Pleasure."* If worldly men flatter you, it's time for taking stock of your life!

"Yea, and all that will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. All Scripture Is Given By Inspiration of God, And Is Profitable For Doctrine, For Reproof, For Correction, For Instruction In Righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Timothy 3:12-13, 16-17 KJV